

Updates to published course transcript for “The ARRL Introduction to Emergency Communication Course” 4th edition, 1st printing

Topic 2, page 16

At the end of section titled, “Performing Non-Communication Roles”, add the following: “Just as important as being prepared to embrace roles that involve an expanded understanding of “communication,” is respecting the limits of your role to provide communication externally, specifically to the press. Avoid giving any information to the press until you understand both the served agency’s and your own emcomm group’s policies on speaking to the press. Most groups will want all information to come from a central official source, such as a “public information officer.” The role of a public information officer (PIO) will be covered in more detail in a later topic.”

Topic 4, page 36

ARES URL cited should be <http://www.arrl.org/ares>

Topic 5a, page 46

After, “If you are asked to use any of these systems, be sure to learn their standard operating procedures and “phonetic alphabet” system if one is used.”

Add: “and adapt accordingly.”

Topic 7b, page 87

Outdated link: Remove outdated reference for Fnpack: www.w1fn.org link

Topic 14, page 167

To clarify, *replace the following text:*

Where needed, the “period” can be sent as an “X” in CW and digital modes, and spoken as “X-RAY.” The “X” may be used to separate phrases or sentences but never at the end of the text. Question marks can be used as needed, and are usually spoken as “question mark,” and sometimes as “query.” Both the X and question mark should be used only when the meaning of the message would not be clear without them.

With this:

Where needed, the “period” can be sent as an “X” in CW and digital modes, and spoken as “X-RAY.” The “X” may be used to separate phrases or sentences but never at the end of the text. Question marks are spelled out in text and spoken as “question mark,” and sometimes as “query.” Both the X and question mark should be used only when the meaning of the message would not be clear without them.

Topic 16, page 191

“General Staff” replaced with “Command Staff” in the following statement: In large responses, the IC may have a “Command Staff” consisting of the Information, Safety and Liaison Officers.

Answer Key, page 316

The answer to Topic 15, Question 5 should be “D” rather than “B” as printed.